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#### AS IN GRIP OF INSURANCE TRUST

By L. M. HEWITT.

Insurance rating board at Austin just furnished the people of this state with another evidence of the business of any endeavor to secure relief from the extortionate insurance tax that its arrogance has imposed upon the people of this great state. Its determination to extort tribute from the people for benefit of the overfed gluttons is beyond the comprehension of sane thinking men. The advice received from every part of the state, it would seem, there is no doubting of the certainty of the of the Thirty-third legislature in this expensive mistake made in the Thirty-first legislature. The special organizations over the state are lining up candidates for the legislature pledged to work for abolition of the law and the board, putting the insurance business of the state back upon a competitive under which system the people of the state were getting their insurance at an average of over 50 per cent less than under the system in vogue, inaugurated and promoted by the so-called insurance rating board operating under the authority of a law which by its ingenious provisions has created the most far-reaching and powerful trust that has been devised.

The latest evidence of this arrogant was given in the Beaumont wherein the people of Beaumont voted for a new rating of that town took the board something like weeks to write its decision. The document is teeming with tendentiousness for the burdens of the hundred great fire insurance companies who are just throwing their weight away by staying in Texas. The document is a touching appeal for sympathy for the burdened stockholder who may suffer greater loss in the Texas becomes more prosperous and to the people of Beaumont the board says: "You pay the and we will do the rest."

Of course, the people of Beaumont into court, but there is redress but one of two channels: the legislature; second, the anti-law, against which the creation of a board under its present form is the greatest violation that has ever been attempted.

Insurance companies are not so. They are well aware that the legislature will prove a vote on this law and board. They are bringing to counteract the effect of organizing the insurance

agents of the state; second, control of the possible competition through the agents' organization; third, insurance company control of agents' organization.

And now comes the final move of the insurance companies, through this newly organized agents' association, when a few days ago that body adopted the following resolution: "The executive committee was directed to frame and endeavor to secure the passage of laws prohibiting the placing of insurance with non-admitted companies."

The boldness with which this further stroke at the freedom of the people of this state is made is absolutely astounding. The idea that a legislature elected by the people would absolutely sell that people into such bondage is beyond belief. Yet it is only another evidence that the insurance companies are working night and day endeavoring to retain the grip they have upon the earnings of the people; and the people, in order to release that grip, must be up and doing, never resting until the last latch-string has been cut.

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#### CIVIC LEAGUE COLUMN

A new cement sidewalk around the entire property of Mrs. J. L. Hearne's residence adds much to the appearance of the place.

Many Texas towns have well organized civic contests, which give handsome prizes for the best kept yards, sidewalks, etc. Prizes were awarded in Bryan for the prettiest backyard. Mrs. A. M. Waldrop would unquestionably be the winner. The grass is well kept, flower beds border the fences, and vines grow advantageously on the west side of galleries. The entire premises of this beautiful home are perfectly kept and present a striking picture of civic pride.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic League will be next Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at Carnegie Hall. Remember the date and the hour, and be present to encourage the faithful women who are striving so earnestly to place Bryan in the list of progressive Texas cities.

The thanks of the entire Civic League are due Mr. Hewitt for the cash donation received from him this week. Mr. Hewitt was one of the lucky winners of the jar of money at the Princess Theatre, and with his usual progressive thoughtfulness, gave the results of his good fortune to the Civic League, an organization which he deems worthy of substantial aid in the great work it has undertaken.

The beautiful plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Sims in the Brazos bottom, while well out of the jurisdiction of the Bryan Civic League, is such a picture of civic beauty that we can not refrain from mentioning it in these columns. The place is comparatively new, and yet the trees, hedges, vines and shrubs are rich in growth and foliage. The velvet lawns are smoothly cut, rose vines cover the porches with a bower of blossoms, brilliant nasturtiums and daisies border the walks and every nook and corner of the grounds is beautiful. Even the plantation fences are covered with morning glory vines and the clear, beautiful lake nearby is fringed with a border of young willows. Mrs. Sims is a true lover of civic beauty, and her home is beautiful proof of that fact.

The abandoned public water trough near the new fountain at the south end of Main street is most unsightly and very much in the way.

The finance committee of the Civic League is planning a public "tea" as a league benefit, to be given next

Tuesday afternoon on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner.

The battle against the weeds goes steadily on.

Come to the meeting of the Civic League next Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. at Carnegie Hall.

The president of the Civic League feels very much encouraged, because of so many new names being added to the membership roll.

You are cordially invited to attend the Civic League meeting next Wednesday at 5:30 p. m.

#### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

June 28.

- 1534—The University of Oxford unanimously decided that the jurisdiction of the pope did not exceed the ministry of any other English bishop.
- 1788—Virginia adopted the constitution of the United States, recommending amendments; tenth state which ratified that document.
- 1854—Eight Russian ships sailed out of Sevastopol and attacked the allied naval forces.
- 1806—Battle of Buenos Ayres (Napoleonic wars).
- 1862—Seven Days' fight around Richmond. The Southerners advanced under heavy fire and after severe fighting drove the federals back and captured twenty guns.
- 1864—Battle of Kenasaw Mountain between federals, under General Sherman and Confederates under General Johnston.
- 1894—A. Casimir-Perier elected president of the Republic of France, to succeed the murdered Carnot.
- 1898—The third military expedition, consisting of the transport ships Indiana, Ohio, Morgan City and City of Para, commanded by Gen. Arthur MacArthur, sailed from San Francisco.
- 1903—In a murderous popular outbreak in the province of Yedz, in Southern Persia, many of the religious reformers were tortured to death; the total number of victims is not known.
- 1908—Religious controversy between Spain and the Vatican reaches an acute stage and reports of rupture current, though denied.
- 1909—Pittsburg street car service tied up by a strike, the men having been unable to reach an agreement with the operators.
- 1911—Vigorous campaign raging in Texas over the question of prohibition.

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